Metering private connections in the Ernakulam town.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

23. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(i) Whether the Government have taken any action with regard to the resolution of the Cochin Legislative Council to abandon the scheme of introducing meters for the water pipes leading into private houses in Ernakulam town ?

(ii) If they have done anything, what have they done ? If not, why ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The matter is engaging the earnest attention of the Government.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

Will the Government decide the question soon?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Yes, without much delay.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

Are there new applications for pipe connections ?

President.—That is not the point raised. That question does not arise from this answer.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

The resolution is that there should be free house connections. No meter is necessary.

President.—Until the question is decided by the Government, the present state of things should be maintained.

Work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR.

24. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a concise statement of the work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee from the date of its appointment to date ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is referred to the answer to question No. 12.

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